

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 16, 2011

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Michael Cherepko with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1 PRESENT: DALE McCALL, ALFRED TEDESCO, JR.,
DARRYL SEGINA, FAWN WALKER-
MONTGOMERY, RICHARD
DELLAPENNA, LORETTA DIGGS,
MICHAEL CHEREPKO**

Pastor Warren Smith of the St. John's Lutheran Church of McKeesport led the prayer.

Also present were Mayor Regis McLaughlin, City Administrator Dennis Pittman, City Solicitor Craig Alexander and members of the Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Ms. Diggs moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2011."

RC-2 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received a copy of a letter that was sent by Bethany Budd Bauer, Community Development Director, to John Tolbert, Director, Community Planning Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, RE: Voluntary Compliance Agreement.
- Received a letter from Chuck Starrett, Enterprise Zone Coordinator, RE: Enterprise Zone Program.
- Received a copy of a letter sent by Dennis Pittman, City Administrator, to David Donohoe, Executive Director, Allegheny Regional Asset District, RE: City of McKeesport, Capital Fund FY 2010 and 2011.
- Received an invitation from the McKeesport Family Center to attend their luncheon on November 18 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The McKeesport Family Center wants to present Council with a Proclamation.
- Received an invitation from the Twin Rivers Council of Governments, RE: Twin Rivers Council of Governments December Dinner Meeting. The meeting is Tuesday, December 13 at the Boston Waterfront. Ms. Williams needs to know if anyone wants to attend the meeting.
 - Mr. Cherepko said he will be attending.
 - Mr. Segina said he will also be attending and will be sitting with Mike.
 - Mr. Tedesco said he likes Darryl's voice.
 - Mr. Segina said he is very sick but he is still here.
 - Mr. McCall said they are trying to do him in.

- Received a copy of a letter sent by Raymond Malinchak, City Controller, to Mr. Rhome, RE: City of McKeesport Tire Procurement Administration.
- Received notice from the City of McKeesport Police Department Weed and Seed Initiative, RE: Kids Police Academy at the Boys Club from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The remaining dates are November 17, December 1, December 8 and December 15.
- Received a letter from Robert Jensen of the AmVets inviting Council to the Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration on December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the McKeesport Palisades Convention Hall.
- Received a copy of memorandum that was sent by Raymond Malinchak, City Controller, RE: Municipal Authority Prepayment of Loan Agreements Ordinance Bills #178 and #179.

Mr. Cherepko said thank you Patty. He said once again he is going to ask that they try and speak into the microphones. He said that is a request from people in the audience each and every month.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor McLaughlin said Police Chief B.J. Washowich will give the first report.

- Police Chief Bryan Washowich said the Police Department answered 2,038 police calls during the month of October. He said they executed 177 arrests, issued 151 traffic citations, and issued 25 orange tag violations and towed 2 vehicles as a result of those violations. He said the Police received one handicap parking sign application and issued 341 parking tickets. He said the police investigated 3 robberies, 7 burglaries, 16 thefts over \$50, 17 criminal mischiefs, 5 stolen vehicles, 11 assaults, 8 harassments, 16 missing persons and

7 frauds. He said last month they were able to send 4 of their detectives to a week of training in elite top gun narcotics enforcement. He said that was at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. He said they were fortunate enough to have one of their detectives as an instructor at that facility which allows them to have four free slots a year at no cost to the City. He said the K-9 Unit purchased a used 2008 police vehicle. He said the purchase was made possible through fund raising efforts to the K-9 Unit at no cost to the City. He said through the Weed and Seed Initiative, they began their Kids Police Academy as they heard in the Communications report. He said it started November 3 at the Boys Club. He said the program involves five weeks of dialogue with the kids concerning the various topics of law enforcement. He said some of the topics include History of Policing, Criminal Procedures, Crime Scene Collection, Narcotics Enforcement, Non-lethal Weapons, Handcuffing Procedures, a K-9 Demonstration, Court Procedures and Probation Procedures. He said also through the Weed and Seed Initiative, tomorrow they will be at George Washington School fingerprinting the kids. He said they are doing the HeadStart Program, Kindergarten and some of the First Graders who have not been fingerprinted yet or some of the new students. He said on October 19 they provided a tour of the Police Station for the kids in the SNAP Program at Auberle. He said he has nothing further to report and asked if anyone had any questions.

- Mr. Cherepko said did everything work out okay today.
- Chief Washowich said he is still at large.
- Fire Chief Kevin Lust said good evening. He said the Fire Department answer 83 calls in the month of October. He said there were 10 fires, 16 rescue and emergency calls, and hazardous conditions, such as carbon monoxide. He said he wanted to remind everyone with the holidays coming up and the weather getting colder, to get a carbon monoxide detector

for their home. He said they had a couple of deaths last year with the carbon monoxide and it was not because of the furnace but people trying to heat their homes and not with their furnace. He said two years ago it was someone who started a generator in their garage and carbon monoxide came up through their garage into the house and killed the dad and the daughter. He said there are other ways to heat the house than the furnace. He said the kerosene heaters are also something that should not be used. He said he just wanted to remind everyone with the holidays coming up, that new batteries should be installed in their carbon monoxide and fire detectors. He said they had 11 service calls such as water problems and lockouts. He said there were 11 good intent calls, which would be something that gets cancelled in route but is legitimate. He said they had 20 false alarms. He said altogether they had 83 calls. He said another thing he wanted to mention is that he has had a lot of calls about the homes ... and he thinks they even have something on the Agenda about tearing down homes. He said they are a fire hazard. He said just two days ago, he was lucky and fortunate enough not to lose two firefighters on a little cottage. He said the cottage was no bigger than 22' by 22' and there were no exposures on both sides. He said he has pictures of guys coming out almost on fire. He said they have the best gear, the gear that Council bought, it protected two men and he thanks them for that. He said any fire can turn around in a matter of seconds. He said it was a flashover and the fire came back around on them. He said they are interior firefighters. He said people were yelling at the scene that they should let it burn down. He said if the firefighters let it burn and the wind ignited something and carried ambers somewhere else, they would have been fighting fires all through the Upper Tenth Ward as they all saw it with the Penn McKee years ago. He said they were up on the hill so they cannot let things burn. He said he received a memo from Mr. Pittman that was addressed to everyone and even Council. He said up on Butler Street they have some homes that are horrible. He said he has been behind a desk for

seven years and he goes around and gets sick. He said the neighbors do call him and they do try to do their best to get up there and cite people who are burning illegally. He said a controlled burn is out of the question in the City of McKeesport. He said there is no such thing under his direction as a controlled burn. He said he can show them oodles of let's do fire training on a controlled burn and they better be in He said he thinks Mike went down to a controlled burn. He said is that a burn that they can control because they can turn it off. He said Patty Williams was there also. He said they could turn that one off, but these here they cannot turn off. He said with the instructors that they have in the City, with as dry as it has been and the coal dust and everything, it is amazing how fast those fires come up. He said they had a burn just a while ago that was a little one in lower Tenth Ward that they just said let's put it in the corner, when they had three instructors there. He said he did not have a permit to burn the house, they were not burning the house but were climbing and going through the walls. He said that burn got up into the walls and they thought they could hold it right in the dining room and it ended up on the second floor. He said they cannot do that and that is the final answer on the controlled burn issue through the fire department.

- Mayor McLaughlin said there are two blocks of Butler Street, both sides of the street.
- Chief Lust said he has it on Stewart Street too. He said it is bad. He said as the system broke ... and Council is always arguing about the ordinance enforcement, the people need to be out there and be cited.
- Mr. Segina said their system is not broke, the problem is that the system has not been working. He said he knows he talked to Mr. Cherepko about this and he agreed with him. He said hopefully they can institute something the first of the year. He said they have not

been doing a job to save these structures before they have to demolish them. He said now it is to the point where they are going to be demolished and they don't have the money to do it. He said if they could save these before by issuing citations and coming down hard on these people, maybe they can save these homes in these neighborhoods.

- Chief Lust said he hates to say this but he has been out there where they go into residences and they have people living downstairs. He said they got a call at one residence that 9-1-1 said the call came from that address but the lady said no one else lived there. He said they found out that a guy was living downstairs in the basement. He said they see it on the news and they have it here. He said he just shakes his head because it is unbelievable. He said then when you ask who the landlord is, they don't know and tell you they send their check to Texas.
- Mr. Segina said the one thing they are missing that he can see right at the bottom ... and he knows the Chief does a lot of training in his department and has to keep on top of what is going on and the new techniques and everything. He said the Police Department is doing the same thing. He said but the Code Enforcement ... he doesn't know if they are being given the tools so that they know how to go out and serve the citizens on these homes. He said they have to start cleaning them up. He said the market value of the whole City is down and going down the drain. He said everyone's home is being
- Chief Lust said he agrees with him wholeheartedly. He said everything has to be organized.
- Mr. Segina said it is up to them as Council and the Mayor too and is for the safety, health and welfare of the City. He said that is one thing they have to keep in mind to

do. He said they are not doing it right now. He said he hopes they can correct that in the future.

- Mr. Cherepko said speaking of that fire office, are they going to do that again.
- Chief Lust said does he want to do that.
- Mr. Cherepko said they already ... they can't help but have the utmost respect for the Fire Department, Police Department and the Chief hit it right on the nose. He said there they were and they went into that fire knowing it was controlled and know they don't have to worry about falling through a floor or the roof coming in on them or explosions. He said it was just such a rush. He said they already have so much respect for what the Fire and Police Departments do every day and it truly takes it to another level when they are in that.
- Chief Lust said just like when the Captain was in there and one of their best ... when they go in they are trying to save the property. He said first of all, they don't know whether people are in there or not. He said when they see the utilities are gone and then ask why is it on fire. He said did the person that is in there maybe they were smoking a cigarette and maybe they are still in there. He said they still have to do a rescue. He said his dad always said do they like that job. He said he told his dad that there is something wrong with the picture. He said there are roaches, rats and people running out and they are running in. He said there is something wrong with that picture. He said these two guys ... afterwards they do a scenario to determine why it happened and why did they miss it. He said if they did not miss it, they have another Captain outside with the two inside, they were yelling for them to get out because they saw the difference in the smoke, but it just happened so fast. He said then after the fire, they went in and what it was because it was a U-shaped building where they were

pushing the fire this way and it came back around them and back to where they came in and blocked their entrance.

- Mayor McLaughlin said he doesn't know. He said Kevin said he wanted to cut the meetings short because he doesn't want to talk a lot, but
- Chief Lust said he knows. He said that he would yield to someone else. He said he always wanted to be up here and say "I yield my time to B.J."
- Mr. Segina said he wasn't here at the last meeting.
- Chief Lust said that is all he has.
- Community Development Director Bethany Budd said good evening. She said first and foremost the Community Development Block Grant funds for 2011 have been released through the efforts of the Police Chief and the Mayor. She said that is outstanding. She said they have repaid ... the first check that was cut was paid to the City for all of the debt the program had against the City has since been paid back. She said they are guestimating for 2012 budget that there will be a 7.5% cut at a minimum which would cut about \$82,000.
 - Mr. Segina said at minimum?
 - Ms. Budd said yes, at minimum. She said that is what the Secretary is saying.
 - Mr. Segina said that is on top of what they had last year and what was that ... 6%.
 - Ms. Budd said yes, it is on top of what they had last year and that was 6%. She said they are down to \$1.1 million now. She said actually the 2012 budget is based on that \$1.1 million. She said there will need to be cuts coming out of that budget as well. She said they will be making the final payment on the mobile police radios.

She said they received JAG money from Allegheny County so will be making that payment to the Chief. She said the Weed and Seed Office has been emptied out and the landlord is quite happy about that. She said she still doesn't know what the Fire Chief is talking about with the houses. She said the Code Enforcement Officers, Building Inspector and she have begun to follow the Real Estate transfers where the Code Enforcement Officers are going out and taking pictures of the house, giving her a report as to the condition of the house and then they go from there. She said there is a little Teamster glitch but she is hopeful they will be able to get that fixed. She said that is all she has.

- Mayor McLaughlin said good and asked Bethany to stay there. He said he thinks Council should be made aware that when they went to Lancaster, it was the Chief, Bethany and himself. He said they went to Lancaster to speak with the HUD Secretary and Bethany had all her ducks in a row. He said she did a great job and he wanted to make sure they all knew about it. He said they came back the next day and she got the phone call from Philadelphia.
- Ms. Budd said thank you Mayor.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he doesn't have much more to report. He said he sees Mr. Bob Macey in the audience from County Council. He said is Bob here for a reason.
- Mr. Macey said yes, he is here to support the Regional Trail Corporation who is speaking.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he just had a community breakfast with the PNA at the club. He said they had their breakfast honoring their departed members. He said the PNA gave him a check to give to the Police Chief to purchase a new vest for a policeman. He said he thought that was very nice of them. He said as Kevin

said, he was going to mention about Butler Street but it should really be looked into. He said there are two blocks up there on both sides that the houses are just falling apart. He said that is all he has to report.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she has a question for the Mayor. She said are any of the houses on Butler Street going to appear on the demolition list.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he didn't see the list yet.
- Ms. Bauer said they are not on the list.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said is there any way they can get them on there.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they can put them on the list but they have to find a way to get some money to take them down. He said does she have a solution.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said didn't they just get the money from the release for the 2011 CDBG budget.
- Mayor McLaughlin said yes they did but that went into the money they took out of the City Budget to carry them along.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said this goes back to the question she has been asking for a long time now. She said she knows she brought this Butler Street address up a while ago. She said why wasn't it put on the list. She said who decides the houses that get on the list. She said there are a bunch of houses. She said they can take their pick.
- Ms. Bauer said she is absolutely right.
- Mayor McLaughlin said she is right, he has been there.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said so her question is why wasn't one of these houses put on the list because there are two blocks of it.
- Ms. Bauer said in the 2011 budget, there is only \$10,000 or \$20,000 included for demolition out of the CDBG funds. She said if it is \$10,000 then that is maybe two houses if they are frame houses. She said if it is \$20,000 then they can do four houses if they are frame and not monster houses sitting on a hillside. She said Ms. Harriet has contacted her twice about Butler Street. She said she has sent a memo out to the Chief, the Mayor and to the Public Works Director and she is absolutely right, it is awful. She said she thinks there are few residents, one or two maybe up there and there are two blocks that easily need to go. She said the list keeps changing.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said who puts the houses on the list. She said who does that.
- Ms. Bauer said it is a combination of the Building Inspector and the Administration and then they have
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said and the Administration is who?
- Ms. Bauer said it is the Mayor, herself and if there is a structure that has burned ... a drug house
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said okay so a drug house or a structure that has burned, because a couple of these houses are that.
- Ms. Bauer said absolutely.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said her confusion is how do they do it. She said there are a bunch of houses and do they have list and then they say they want to take this

one over that one. She said do they talk to B.J. and say this is more of a nuisance.

- Ms. Bauer said unfortunately what has happened....
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said is there a process and is it written down.
- Ms. Bauer said no and it never has been. She said the structures that fell in Lower Tenth Ward, that cost \$34,000.
- Chief Lust said that is not down, that was just to pull it away from the exposures next door. He said that building alone is going to cost \$35,000 when he was talking to Chris.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said is the Fire Chief at all involved in this.
- Chief Lust said when she is asking how it comes through, all they do is go out and make a sheet up and it has to go on the demolition list. He said they cannot just name Butler Street and then through the law they have to have a public hearing. He said they have some buildings in town they have been trying to tear down. He said he has been here 30 years and they have been trying to tear down
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said her main issue, and she has been saying this for such a long time now that she feels that she sounds like a broken record. She said she hopes that it will be resolved when Mike comes in because he talks about it. She said there should be a process and it should be written down. She said they can't just make it up as they go along and say they will do this house and this house. She said there should be something written down and a process. She said there should be some kind of citizen involvement with that as well.

- Ms. Bauer said actually there is a public meeting that is held.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said a public meeting, but before they even get to the meeting, there should be some kind of citizen involvement. She said the process should be written down. She said it shouldn't be ... she is asking what the process is like and they are saying they talk to this person and that person. She said someone should hand her something and tell her this is what the process is and they involve this person and that person so they can make sure that it is fair across the board.
- Ms. Bauer said Councilwoman in all honesty there are so, so, so many
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she is not saying she has the right to process but it
- Ms. Bauer said no, she understands.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it needs to be done.
- Mr. Cherepko said if he may. He said he thinks that what she is looking at is that obviously there is an overabundance of houses and there may be 300 plus that need to come down. He said what he will tell her is that the process that they use is pretty much required because they have to prioritize. He said like she said they may have a list right now that these are the houses they are going to tear down but all the sudden something happens like happened last month. He said what he will tell her is that he will include the same individuals that are involved with it now and he will also include all City Council on those decisions. He said they will sit down and when they do a demolition list they will come up with something together.

- Mr. Tedesco said he thinks what Fawn wants and probably what the citizens want is just a more transparent process so that everybody knows what the process, sees why one house is chosen above another and then it is more transparent.
- Mr. McCall said he thinks what they try to do is try to go and pick one in each area if they get 10 houses or 5 houses if they are lucky, they take one down in each area if they can do it.
- Mr. Cherepko said if they can remember a few years back when the former Mayor Brewster gave his State of the City address, and that was back when they did the bond issue and tore down 300 to 400 houses. He said that is pretty much what they tried to do and go around to each of the areas. He said but if they want to get something in place, they can definitely most certainly do that. He said he thinks they tried to spread the wealth. He said it was something whenever the Mayor had it up there on the screen, they were able to see all the houses and they were all color coded one color throughout the City. He said they could see how well balanced it was throughout the City. He said paving the streets was another color and things like that. He said they will definitely ... and she has his word ... that they will consider all that and he will take everyone's input and they will come up with something.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks that is the whole process. He said Dale is right, what they did was they went around town and all the homes, they tried to pick something in each to placate some of the neighborhoods because they are complaining. He said he really thinks they should be dated as to when they are reported. He said because they might have one for 20 years on the list and it is still standing. He said they will say how come that is still standing. He said there should be a chronological order

for them too besides going into certain wards and doing those homes.

- Mr. Cherepko said that is fine and he will do that.
- Mr. Segina said on that same issue Mike, once they get this all settled with the bond and what they have as far as money goes, that Eagles Building up there is still a big pain to the City of McKeesport and is a very dangerous to them right now. He said he could recommend to Mike that once they see if they have enough money, that he could issue an emergency order to tear it down. He said he thinks that is well within his legal bounds to do that. He said it has to come down.
- Mr. Cherepko said he agrees.
- Mr. Segina said these guys have been putting them off for how many years now. He said they still have the SSS Building that is looking them straight in the face. He said that is as much of a
- Mr. Cherepko said he was talking to the gentleman across from the Eagles Building who has a business over there and he was actually saying that here it is dilapidated and there was gentleman up on the porch trying to fix the windows or something. He said it was less than a week later, the porch actually rotted.
- Chief Lust said he shouldn't be around because they condemned the building. He said he should be arrested.
- Mr. Segina said the Penn McKee is another issue there.
- Mr. McCall said did they ever find out ... he knows they were looking to see who owns the Penn McKee. He said if they remember they gave the gentleman
- Mr. Cherepko said they had a gentleman come in here a few years ago now probably.

- Mayor McLaughlin said it is incorporated. He said they know who owns it but they can't go after the person.
- Mr. Segina said they know who owns it and he owned it for a while and then he said he leased it to a guy for \$1.00 just to get it out of his hands so they can't do anything to him.
- Mayor McLaughlin said Mr. Segina should not mention any names on the record.
- Mr. Segina said he doesn't really care. He said he is too old to be worried about that.
- Mr. Cherepko said he came in with a plan to rehab the building and Mr. Segina was okay with the plan though.
- Mr. Segina said it is time to get off their horse and do something with it. He said what did Mike say.
- Mr. McCall said it was a thirty day deal.
- Mr. Cherepko said he agrees with Mr. Segina.
- Mr. Segina said they will work on it.
- Mr. Cherepko said does the Mayor have anything else.
- Mayor McLaughlin said no, he is done. He said no, he is sorry, they have a Proclamation. He said would Ms. Williams please read the Proclamation. He said the proclamation is for the McKeesport College Club and asked if there was anyone here to represent them. He said would she come up here please.
- Ms. Williams read the Proclamation:

*A Proclamation for the McKeesport College Club
Recognition*

Whereas, McKeesport College Club is celebrating 90 years of uniting the college women of the vicinity for work on educational and social problems of the community; and

Whereas, McKeesport College Club was organized April 12, 1921 by a small group of college educated women who met at the YWCA in the People's Bank Building where they adopted a constitution and elected their first president, Mrs. Ridell Cramble, they now boast 150 members; and

Whereas, McKeesport College Club provides scholarships to college bound young women in addition to providing community service; and

Whereas, McKeesport College Club community service recipients in the past have included the likes of the Red Cross, McKeesport High School, WQED, Children's Hospital, the Visiting Nurses Association, Penn State McKeesport and Carnegie Library of McKeesport, some of the organizations that they are currently supporting the good work of are: The Salvation Army, White Oak Animal Safe Haven, The Intersection and once again Carnegie Library of McKeesport.

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of McKeesport, I do hereby deem it an honor and privilege to recognize the McKeesport College Club on the occasion of their 90th Anniversary and further extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to them.

- Mayor McLaughlin said it is an honor for him to present this Proclamation to the McKeesport College Club. He said thank you.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Mr. Tedesco said he has a couple of things tonight. He said first he wants to congratulate Mike on winning the election and becoming the Mayor-Elect. He said politics aside, he and Mike have been friends for a long time. He said no doubt there will be detractors that are wishing that he fails but he is not one of them. He said he is asking him to prove them wrong. He said he was reading through an article in the paper unrelated this week. He said the article, to quote Abraham Lincoln ... said "That any man can overcome adversity, but if you want to see a man's true character, give him power." He said Mike has the power now. He said it is up to him now. He said when his picture goes on this wall, what legacy he will leave. He said no one else's but his. He said he will be there with Mike because if he fails then the City fails and he doesn't want to see that.
- Mr. Cherepko said he appreciates that.
- Mr. Tedesco said after that speaking of the pictures, Mr. Malinchak brought up an issue last month about the backlog they have in pictures. He said he would like to make a motion tonight that by the end of next year, all the Mayors', including Kucich, Brewster, and McLaughlin, portraits go up on these walls by the end of next year. He said so they don't politicize that ever again, he believes there should also be a motion that within a year of any Mayor leaving office, that Mayor's portrait gets put on this wall. He said they should not politicize their history. He said he makes that motion.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moves, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To complete the portraits of all Mayors by the end of next year, including Kucich, Brewster and McLaughlin and within one year of any Mayor leaving office, that Mayor's portrait should be put on the wall."

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NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Tedesco said that will be for both motions combined, correct.
- Mr. Cherepko said yes that will be for both motions and they will just include that in one motion.
- Mr. Alexander said they can include that in one motion.
- Mr. Tedesco said that is all he has.
- Mr. Cherepko said thank you Mr. Tedesco.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she wanted to thank Bethany because they did get a chance to sit down and talk. She said she wanted to personally thank her and thank her for all the work she has done. She said she definitely asks a lot of questions and may come across very aggressive but that is because she is passionate about the City and has a lot of passion for the position that the people put her in. She said she will definitely continue to do that but she doesn't want anyone to take it personally. She said she was not coming after Bethany, she was just coming after the process. She said she wanted to ask the Mayor what is going on with the City's website.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he can't answer that.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said who can.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he can't answer that.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it is not up. She said they pay someone to do it and it is not really up and running the way it is supposed to be. She said who is in charge of that.

- Ms. James said it is not operating the way it should be. She said Mr. Baich is the designer.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said can they have him come here and meet with them.
- Ms. James said they can certainly ask him.
- Mr. Cherepko said on those terms, he thinks they need to ... years ago there were some pictures of the Council people and other things.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said there was supposed to be ... there is supposed to be pictures of the Council members and the minutes are supposed to be on the website and there are supposed to be links and bios about them. She said that is what they all agreed to.
- Mr. Segina said didn't he have a contract on that.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said yes, that is why she is saying this. She said yes they did and that is why she is bringing it up. She said they need to have him here and call him to the carpet as to why that has not been done.
- Mr. Segina said he doesn't think they have to meet with him but he thinks the Administration should go after him and make sure this is taken care of according to the contract.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she just asked the Administration and he said he didn't know.
- Mr. Cherepko said if they are going to update it, they should probably in all reality just wait a month because they will have a few new Councilmen coming on and they will get everything updated.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said they paid him to do it so he needs to do it.

- Mr. Tedesco said why don't they do this internally. He said they have a computer man. He said is there a reason why this can't be done.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said anybody can do it, it is a website.
- Mr. Cherepko said he doesn't know if it was supposed to be a little more....
- Mayor McLaughlin said it is a personality issue and he will talk to Mike about it later.
- Mr. Cherepko said they will take care of it. He said he thinks it is very important.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she has another issue. She said yesterday they were given a sample lease for the ordinance that they asked for last month. She said she has issues with Section 1C where it says that "However it is understood that there may be an occasion when some hardship may exist which warrants a deviation from the Fair Market Value of the office space whether it is to attract certain tenants of the City wishes to provide a lower rent." She said she thinks that should be taken out because she thinks the rent should be the same across the board. She said she doesn't think they should lower it to attract tenants.
- Mr. Cherepko said his concern with that is ... there are a few concerns. He said one is that not all of the office space in the City Hall is in the same condition. He said it is a very old building and some offices are nicer than others so there may be different rates. He said the other concern is that he agrees that they have someone come in and evaluate it and that bottom dollar is what they should stick to. He said what happens if they don't have a tenant and they are losing that revenue. He said if maybe someone was willing to rent it for a little bit

less because of the conditions, it would be good just to have that leeway in the contract and he thinks it is important. He said to take a building like that ... if they had a brand new building, he would agree with her 100%. He said they would just say this is the square footage and this is the rate. He said he thinks ... and Craig can correct him if he is wrong, he thinks that is why Craig went into the whole talk about the condition and having someone come in and evaluate it because of the condition of the building.

- Mr. Alexander said the other thing that he was thinking of is maybe there is some nonprofit tenant out there that would be a good service provider to the City of McKeesport but they cannot afford what the rental space would command and that space is open. He said they might want to be able to rent it to them. He said if that was not in the ordinance, then they would not be able to do that.
- Mr. Tedesco said that is where he is having a problem because it is being left too discretionary and it comes back to Council.
- Mr. Cherepko said Council has to approve it no matter what.
- Mr. Tedesco said no, no, no, but this still leaves up to discretion which nonprofit maybe receives preferential treatment over another. He said if they leave it flat, this is what you pay, then that is it.
- Mr. Cherepko said he has a concern too. He said if they remember the slip that came out ... right off the bat he can think of a few different entities that are extremely important that maybe are not in a financial position to hold it such as the MDC, MHC, and MNI and their rent was set lower and even at the lower rate, they had some of them not being able to make the payments.

- Mr. Segina said he mentioned it at the last meeting that they will have this proposal and Craig was kind enough to help him and they established this together. He said this does give them leeway though. He said if they do have subrecipients and they want to charge them a lower rate or no rate. He said the key thing is that it has to come before Council.
- Mr. Cherepko said ultimately it will be Council's decision.
- Mr. Segina said whatever they decide. He said they can come and make a recommendation but Council has to approve it. He said that is the same way if they go to square footage. He said maybe there are some offices better than others but that appraiser is going to put that down in the report with the square footage and what that is worth. He said that does not just pertain to City Hall on Fifth Avenue. He said that pertains to down here too. He said it pertains to any leased office space.
- Mr. Tedesco said he has a problem with it even coming before Council. He said who are they to decide which nonprofits or which entity or which business gets preferential treatment.
- Mr. Cherepko said he agrees with that but he thinks all these contracts were supposed to always come before Council and never have. He said any lease agreements according to the Charter have to come to Council so it is going to come to them regardless.
- Mr. Segina said there are only three right now at City Hall and they are MDC, MHC and MNI. He said those are the three that are up there now. He said they are all struggling and don't have any money. He said he is willing to concede
- Mr. Cherepko said they are all working for the City.

- Mr. Segina said they are an arm of the City. He said he is willing to concede them having the rent until they can perhaps draw some more income to sustain themselves. He said the other ones, if they put a certain amount per square footage, maybe they can appeal and say they are being charged too much. He said then they can go to the Mayor and the Mayor comes to Council and says they have to revise the document.
- Mr. Tedesco said the question is where do you draw the law.
- Mr. Segina said does City Council still have the final word on this. He said that is what he is trying to say to them.
- Mr. Alexander said the majority of Council draws the line.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said they know about it.
- Mr. Tedesco said do you see what he is saying. He said it's as though they are omnipotent. He said there can be dozens of groups that may feel that they can't afford it or whatever.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it should be fair across the board.
- Mr. Segina said that was the idea of this.
- Mr. Cherepko said this will be for the most ... there just has to be a slight ... basically as Mayor he will tell her that when they come in and give a number, whoever the individual is who comes in, that is the number he is going to go with. He said he wants to be able to come to Council and say that MDC, MHC and MNI ... they have to make an exception for them. He said that is where he thinks that if they just want to make it extremely clear and here and it will not give them that leeway because

now they would be violating an ordinance that they passed.

- Mr. Segina said right now it is at the discretion of the Mayor.
- Mr. Tedesco said that is wrong too but he thinks there should be no discretion. He said what makes any particular group, more worthy than another.
- Mr. Segina said they are here to serve the public. He said if it takes something like a subrecipient sitting up there that is important to the City of McKeesport and they can allow them to have a reduced rental rate or no rate at all, then he thinks they should do it. He said but it is going to take seven people on Council to decide that. He said it still comes back to Council.
- Mr. Tedesco said it really only takes four.
- Mr. Segina said well there are seven going to decide. He said if there is something that on occasion happens later on down the road, they can always amend this too. He said he thinks it is a good start right now and he thinks Craig left them enough leeway here that they can be fair and reasonable with what their leases are right now.
- Mr. Cherepko said just so they know, they are not voting on that this evening.
- Mr. Tedesco said it is not being fair and reasonable across the board.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she knows they are not voting on it but she wanted to bring it up.
- Mr. Segina said he would like to amend the Agenda to put this on the Agenda. He said why wouldn't they vote on it.
- Mr. Cherepko said he just ... it just seems like.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she doesn't think they should.
- Mr. Cherepko said they are going to get together too for some budget discussions. He said why don't they they can do it then, that is three weeks from now.
- Mr. Segina said do they want to put it on the December Agenda.
- Mr. Cherepko said they will target it for the December agenda.
- Mr. Segina said raise your right hand and say "I will."
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she doesn't have anything else to add.
- Mr. Dellapenna had nothing to report.
- Mr. Segina said he wanted to congratulate Mr. Cherepko on his victory in the election. He said he is looking forward to the new year, new beginnings and a new road to cooperation so they can best serve together for the City of McKeesport and put the City back on track with fair and reasonable decisions and try to make the City the best they can.
- Mr. McCall said he also wants to congratulate Mike. He said he will work with him and as long as they keep everything and make this government transparent like he has promised, then everyone is involved in it. He said congratulations.
- Mr. Segina said he can't wait until their next fight too.
- Ms. Diggs said congratulations to Mike. She said she is so glad he won and although she won't be here next year to be beat up on. She said anyhow, congratulations.
- Mr. Cherepko said all he has this evening is to say thank you for all the well wishes and to reiterate what he said on election night. He said that goes hand in hand with what they

have all said this evening. He said all he wants is what is best and is in the best interest of the City of McKeesport. He said he truly believes that they would not be up here if they did not believe that themselves. He said he was just talking the other night to Keith about this. He said when you look at this, the important thing is that all need to have the same goal for the City of McKeesport. He said they need to move the City forward. He said that is all he asks of anyone as Mayor. He said that is all he wants and he thinks they have that here. He said that doesn't mean they all don't want to take different paths to get there. He said that is where they come up here and have good debates and discuss things. He said that is all part of the process. He said that is part of it and they need to try to keep the glass half full. He said he always tries to have that perspective on it and focus on the City and try to stay away from the negativity. He said they can sit up there and disagree and when they leave there they should be able to go out and have a pizza. He said they should be able to go out and hang out after the meetings. He said he thinks that is part of the process and he is looking forward to that. He said he means that from the bottom of his heart. He said he is looking forward to working with each and every one of them and the new Council men coming on, Keith Soles and Dan Carr, who is in the audience this evening. He said he is very excited. He said from the night of that election it was different. He said it was just different for him, it was not much to celebrate. He said reality hit very quickly and anyone that knows him knows he has always been a very focused individual. He said that night his wife came up to him and asked him if he was alright. He said he told her that it was time to go to work. He said he takes this very seriously and is looking forward to working with each and every one of them.

- Mr. Segina said he just wanted to add and he forgot that he doesn't know whether it was indicated enough what Bethany Budd did. He said they talked about that for a couple of hours last time. He said there was \$1.2 million hanging in the

balance for the Community Development Block Grant fund and they were denying the City over some petty personality issues. He said he must congratulate Dennis Pittman too because he sent a letter to President Obama and they got a meeting in Lancaster with the head of HUD down there. He said he had an assistant talk to them, he had to leave but his assistant talked to them, Bethany made the presentation and was successful. He said that is why they now have \$1.2 million funneled into the City to help them with their Community Development Block Grant fund. He said he really doesn't want to overlook those two because they did a heck of a job. He said this was a serious matter, because if they did not get the money, the taxes would have gone up at least 3 mills.

- Mr. Cherepko said it could have been more than that and absolutely Darryl.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

- ANNETTE JAMES, 2618 FOREST STREET, McKEESPORT, PA. Ms. James said she has two different topics real quick. She said just a reminder that the Christmas Parade, Salute to Santa, is coming up this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and she wants to try to make sure everyone shows up. She said it is going to be a really nice parade. She said then there is a party afterwards for the kids at the Palisades where they will have a nice luncheon and get to meet Santa and talk to him and give him their wish list and get a little treat bag. She said the Grand Marshall is going to be Mr. Don Quirk from U.S. Steel right here. She said he is head of the Tubular Operations and they were generous enough to pay for a good bit of the luncheon for the children at the Palisades. She said they would like to thank them for that. She said also she just found out today that Reader's Digest just started up their contest again today. She said they made a few changes to

the rules and they are allowed to vote as many times as they would like a day. She said it is not limited to once a day. She said they must have had a problem last time with people setting computers to automatically vote so now whenever you vote, when you sign up, the first thing they have to do is say what they want to use the money for in their City. She said hers was discussed here quite a bit tonight and that was demolition. She said she thinks they can use some stimulus money to help them with demolition for a lot of places that really need addressed in the City that unfortunately they cannot afford to tear down although they need to be torn down. She said they can put their wish on there for the money. She said then if they will have to type in a captcha, and she is not sure if anyone knows what that is. She said it is but it is a little box that contains messed up words that you type in when you are on the computer so that they know it is a real person actually entering the information. She said that is how they have to vote and they can vote as many times as they want. She said if they have an extra free five or ten minutes they can log on to "wehearyouamerica.readersdigest.com" and vote a whole bunch of times. She said then hopefully the City will get some money. She said if everyone works at it, it might work.

- Mr. Segina said that messed up word has a name and it is called what?
- Ms. James said it is called "captcha."
- Mr. Segina said where did they end up last year.
- Ms. James said it was actually developed at Carnegie Mellon University. She said they ended up in the 40's last year. She said that was not too bad considering but hopefully they can do a lot better this year and they can get some of the money. She said once again don't forget the parade on Saturday at 10:00.

- JACK PAULIK, 111 N. WATER STREET, WEST NEWTON, PA.
Mr. Paulik said he is with the Regional Trail Corporation. He said they have not seen him for a while, but he spent a lot of time here getting zoning for the Trail and what not. He said he will say that the Trail now is complete on both sides of McKeesport and is open all the way to the Waterfront. He said Homestead just initiated almost a 3000 foot bike line that takes the trail all the way to West Homestead so they are in the process of developing and completing the last mile of trail. He said that trail they are anticipating will be complete all the way to Pittsburgh in 2012. He said since they have opened the trail to the Waterfront, what they are really finding is that they are getting most of their bad hits from people traveling through McKeesport. He said they are finding it difficult to get through McKeesport and unsafe on Lysle Boulevard and it is something that they would like to correct or make better before next year when the trail is totally open and finished. He said they would like to have McKeesport be a friendlier town for trail users. He said they are proposing a short term solution to getting through the downtown until there is funding or a better solution. He said everyone has always wanted to go along the riverfront. He said the pipe business is big down there and there are railroad tracks down there and because he has done a lot of infrastructure, to do a bridge down there would cost probably \$2 million to take a bridge over those railroad tracks. He said that is probably off the agenda locally until money could be raised to does that or another option would occur down there. He said what they are proposing is a bike route through the town and he is going to pass these out so they can take a look at them. He said he will try to go over that with them real quickly. He said what they are proposing is improving the bike trail and taking it from the Marina heading toward Pittsburgh down Fifth Avenue to Locust Street then taking Locust Street across Lysle into the RIDC onto the Trail. He said that would be one way traffic that way and then returning traffic heading up the Yough River coming from Pittsburgh would cross the Railroad tracks and go down

Fourth Avenue and the Alley along the Railroad until they hit Strawberry which is just past the Police Station and then cutting out onto the ramp that heads down to Water Street and onto the two way Trail System. He said what they have done is they have actually been encouraged to submit for a community infrastructure and tourism fund grant to make an improvement in the amount of \$100,000.00. He said that grant has been submitted for this particular project and they think it has a good chance of being approved with the support of the City plus the support of the Trail groups and others. He said they are all aware that they made that submittal and they are pleased to do that. He said what they would then do if this routing is approved ... then they would hire a consultant to do the design work and design the trail system and they would like to implement it this summer. He said then when the trail opens to connect to Pittsburgh, which is through Sandcastle and Keystone Metals, the whole system would be in place and a quality ride through McKeesport could occur. He said what they would be requesting from Council and the City would be to keep the traffic on Fifth Avenue one way to Locust Street. He said that would much better facilitate a bike lane one way to Locust Street and then coming in the other direction, confirming that Fourth Avenue, the Alley is a public road and they are almost positive it is ... keeping that a one way road for bicycles and traffic heading in the direction behind them. He said also working with the Daily News to find alternate parking for their vans and agreeing to periodic street sweeping on Fourth Avenue and enforce no parking on the brick Strawberry Alley. He said then they would have curb cuts that the designer would come up with that would be supported by the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Grant. He said these are the items that he just described to them so they can look at them. He said before they would go ahead and hire a consultant to do this design work, they would want the support of the City to do this. He said they would put up the money to hire the design consultant to do this. He said they are the Regional Trail Corporation supported by the Allegheny Trail Alliance. He said that is the

group that has worked with them over the last five years on getting the trail from the 15th Street Bridge all the way to the Riverton Bridge ... all the infrastructure they have developed along the way and which the City has been great working with. He said what they are trying to do is come up with a better route through the City. He said they would hire a consulting firm to do this design that would meet ASTA Standards. He said they would hire a design consultant to do that for them.

- Mr. Segina said he thought they were going to put two way traffic on that street.
- Mr. Cherepko said that was his first question and that is going to be a problem. He said they are already moving in that direction.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they are already moving in that direction.
- Mr. Cherepko said the only problem they are going to have is that they are looking to open up Fifth Avenue to two way traffic. He said they just spent a lot of money expanding the road, getting rid of parking meters, ... that is the only issue he sees.
- Mr. Paulik said it is one way now.
- Mr. Cherepko said it is one way now but they have plans to change it.
- Mr. Paulik said does that have to happen to go to two ways. He said if it was two way, not being the final designer, but it would be much more difficult to design a safe bike system on a two way street there because there would be traffic going in two directions to put a bike lane in.
- Mr. Cherepko said he said if they go two ways there, there would be no room for a bike lane.

- Mr. Paulik said that is basically true.
- Mr. Cherepko said not at all. He said not even safety wide. He said there won't even be any space to put it.
- Mr. Tedesco said there is barely enough for two ways.
- Mr. Cherepko said two ways is cutting it close.
- Mr. Segina said they would have to take out meters.
- Mr. Cherepko said one way they wouldn't have to take them out, he is right. He said one way it can happen and that would be no problem.
- Mr. Paulik said what they looked at and they did not do the final setting because they would hire a consultant to do that. He said they looked at that as a good option to get the trail through the City effectively and if this grant came through, they would use this money to do that.
- Mr. Cherepko said when were they looking for approval for this.
- Mr. Paulik said he thinks they were just presenting this today. He said probably in a month. He said they won't do anything until they get a blessing from Council.
- Mr. Cherepko said their December meeting is only a couple of weeks away. He said to be honest, he is going to have to sit down and really engage with Council here and as the Mayor coming in he wants to see what they want to do. He said he thinks it is a decision they need to make together. He said he can tell him unfortunately, they really have taken giant strides at this point to make it two-way.
- Mr. Paulik said they just hope they would take this into consideration as being an option on the table because they don't know what another better option would be at this point.

- Mr. Cherepko said he can assure them that they will do that. He said there is no question and it will give them something to really look into.
- Mr. Paulik said there is a Lysle Boulevard sidewalk is not
- Mr. Cherepko said he was just down there. He said they were just going somewhere and they took a ride back there and he had the family with him. He said it was a nice day and there were about 7 or 8 bikes right there and they were coming out to the Boulevard and it is funny he said that because it was exactly his thought. He said it is a shame they have to come out here and go down there.
- Mr. Paulik said it is really not something that should work that way. He said they are looking at ... they have a lot in discussion that is critical ... it is actually a positive thing for McKeesport. He said now that it is on the agenda.
- Mr. Cherepko said there is no question, absolutely.
- Mr. Paulik said if they could look into that he would appreciate it.
- Mr. Cherepko said thank you very much.

TABLED BILL:

BILL #195: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LUTTERMAN EXCAVATING FOR 2011 CDBG DEMOLITION, CONTRACT B, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500.00.

Mr. Cherepko said Bill #195 will remain on the Table.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #11-19 – BILL #200: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT PREVIOUSLY EFFECTIVE, AND AS AMENDED, REPEALED OR OTHERWISE REVISED BY ORDINANCE FROM TIME TO TIME, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY EMPLOYEES PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE POLICE EMPLOYEES OF SAID CITY.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #200."

RC-4	YEAS:	McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO.....	7
	NAYS:	NONE.....	0

ORDINANCE #11-20 – BILL #201: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT PREVIOUSLY EFFECTIVE, AND AS AMENDED, REPEALED OR OTHERWISE REVISED BY ORDINANCE FROM TIME TO TIME, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY EMPLOYEES PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE FIREFIGHTERS OF SAID CITY.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
"To adopt Bill #201."**

RC-5 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-
 MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS,
 CHEREPKO..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #11-21 – BILL #202: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT PREVIOUSLY EFFECTIVE, AND AS AMENDED, REPEALED OR OTHERWISE REVISED BY ORDINANCE FROM TIME TO TIME, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY EMPLOYEES PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF SAID CITY.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
"To adopt Bill #202."**

RC-6 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-
 MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS,
 CHEREPKO..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #11-22 – BILL #203: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT PREVIOUSLY EFFECTIVE, AND AS AMENDED, REPEALED OR OTHERWISE REVISED BY ORDINANCE FROM TIME TO TIME, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY EMPLOYEES PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT

FUND OR FUNDS, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE COMBINED PENSION PLAN OF SAID CITY.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #203."**

RC-7 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-73 – BILL #204: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THOMAS MILLER FOR A SUBDIVISION TO CORRECT DEED ERRORS OF PARCELS 553-A-11 AND 554-D-96 IN THE 12TH WARD OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT.

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To adopt Bill #204."**

RC-8 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

BILL #205: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO THE ATTACHED SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE ROOF TECHNOLOGIES FOR TURN-KEY HOUSING WITH McKEESPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY.

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #205."**

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Segina said would someone explain this. He said he doesn't think anyone explained this last night.
- Ms. Bauer said the McKeesport Housing Authority has a contract with HUD to build six fully accessible units and Blue Roof Technology was the successful bidder on the project. She said however it is a \$1 million plus project and HUD does not reimburse them as they go, they pay for the full project when it is done and the six units are built. She said Blue Roof Technology was successful in getting two bank loans however they were \$150,000 short in the financing. She said they came to the City and asked if they could do a loan like program income to MDC and MHC for the \$150,000 and once the Pittsburgh HUD office pays the Housing Authority and they pay Blue Roof, it will come back as Program Income and it will come back to the City.
- Mr. Segina said and she believes that.
- Ms. Bauer said she has talked to the Housing Authority and apparently an extension needs to be requested by the Housing Authority. She said she feels that they will do that but in terms of what HUD's response is, she does not know what that will be. She said however with the other agreements and the funding freeing up, she certainly did not want the department to be accused of holding anything up.
- Mr. Segina said are they going to be on the tax rolls once they are built.
- Ms. Bauer said they may not be.
- Mayor McLaughlin said that is something they should find out.
- Ms. Bauer said they probably won't be.
- Mr. Segina said secondly are they presold. He said he has seen homes where they have built them and they can't find

buyers for them. He said down on Larimer they had that problem with 12 different houses. He said they over sold that area. He said why he is saying that Bethany is because if they are going to put \$150,000 in it, he wants to make sure they get the \$150,000 back.

- Ms. Bauer said absolutely it has to come back to the program or the 2011 budget won't work for Community Development if it doesn't come back. She said secondly the Housing Authority has to construct these units for their Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity goals and plans that they have. She said in addition with her providing some resources to this project, it also helps with the City's VCA that the City recently signed.
- Mayor McLaughlin said that was what he was just going to say.
- Ms. Bauer said that is why it is important to her that it
- Mr. Segina said he wished those two questions would be answered prior to this happening and them taking a vote on this.
- Ms. Bauer said she believes that they won't be sold housing units. She said she thinks they will go into the inventory of which the Housing Authority already has.
- Mr. Segina said where are they going to be built.
- Ms. Bauer said three on the South Park School site on Evans Avenue where the townhouses just got built in the last ten years and then the other ones will be built on Jenny Lind Street. She said there is a monstrosity of a red building right across from it on lower Jenny Lind by Penny Street near those intersections down there. She said where St. Mary's is.
- Mr. Segina said Mr. Solicitor if they pass this Bill tonight and they find out that these houses are not going to be taxable which is not that bad of a deal because they are getting new

people coming in or that they are not presold, can they rescind this within a thirty day period. He said can they put that clause in this.

- Ms. Bauer said she honestly doesn't think that it will be resolved in thirty days.
- Mr. Alexander said they want to put a rescission clause in their approval.
- Mr. Segina said at least until they get those answers.
- Mr. Alexander said how long does Ms. Bauer think it is going to take.
- Ms. Bauer said it will be at least until after the holidays, into 2012.
- Mr. Segina said why don't they table this then.
- Ms. Bauer said that is fine.
- Mr. Alexander said there is no urgency in getting it passed now.
- Ms. Bauer said no.
- Mr. Alexander said he thinks they are better served to do that than to put a rescission clause.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks those questions should be answered along with maybe any other questions they may have about the houses.
- Ms. Bauer said she believes and she may be incorrect in saying this, but she believes the Housing Authority is de-densifying Crawford Village ... the square that was named after someone that was very involved in the Housing Authority and they called it something else. She said she thinks they are de-densifying the circle for lack of better

terminology. She said so they are not gaining any additional units ... they are actually spreading them out.

- Mr. Alexander said if there are issues that are outstanding and it is not time sensitive, they are better served to table it.
- Mr. Cherepko said that is the big thing and if Bethany is 100% sure that it is not time sensitive and they are not in urgent need of this.
- Mr. Segina said his not trying to knock this thing down.
- Mr. Cherepko said he agrees with Darryl, he just didn't want to hinder the process by holding it up.
- Mr. Segina said he doesn't want to be negative because they want to see the homes here too. He said he makes a motion that they table this bill.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they probably won't break ground until the weather gets nice anyway.
- Mr. McCall said how many more units do they have to do yet.
- Ms. Bauer said for St. Mary's, they are done, they don't have to build any more for that.
- Mr. McCall said yes but wasn't there a number that they had to do.
- Ms. Bauer said it was a floating number between 20 and 40 and quite honestly she thinks collectively they wore them down. She said she thinks the 20 satisfied the Memorandum of Understanding which Mayor Bendel had signed. She said that is done. She said this Turn-Key Housing is to satisfy the ADA/Fair Housing Equal Opportunity Laws. She said this is something separate but still the same type of thing.
- Mayor McLaughlin said it helps the City if they help out with the project and they get credit for it.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
"To table Bill #205."**

RC-9 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-
MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS,
CHEREPKO..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

**RESOLUTION #2011-74 – BILL #206: A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY
OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO THE ATTACHED SUB-GRANTEE
AGREEMENT WITH THE McKEESPORT HOUSING
CORPORATION.**

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina,
"To adopt Bill #206."**

COMMENTS:

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she wanted to say something in reference to Bill #206 and Bill #207. She said she wanted to go on the record that she has issues with the amount and issues with the fact that every time she asks where the money is going to be used and how it is going to be used and who decides who gets the money ... that process is not transparent. She said she thinks they have to know somebody to get money from these entities. She said she wants to go on the record and say that she feels the process should be more transparent and she has an issue with the amount. She said Bill #206 says they are giving \$76,000 and they don't know where that money is going.
- Mr. Cherepko said if he may, Bethany was not here last so maybe she can explain this.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she can explain it but she doesn't think it is really going to help because she has said it before and she has gotten the same answers before.
- Ms. Bauer said she apologizes. She said she didn't know what the rules are ... she said the rules are that people have to income qualify for the money and it is city wide and it is not neighborhood specific. She said it is on a first come first serve waiting list actually with the Housing Corporation. She said they also utilize a fund called Home Consortia that is with Allegheny County. She said the \$76,000 is represented by two amounts, \$10,000 is essentially new money which is entitlement money and the \$66,000 is money that they revolve back into their program from previous loans that they have made. She said that is why the number is \$76,000. She said it is only \$10,000 in new money. She said they usually don't collect the \$66,000 and it is usually much lower. She said she puts it higher just to cover herself. She said it is the same with the MDC. She said it is \$10,000 of new money and she put in a total of \$22,000 and the difference is program income that revolves back into the program from loans that they have done in the past in conjunction with their State Enterprise Zone Program they have done in the past which is located in the downtown. She said that is also first come first served and there are hiring requirements.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she just wished when she asked some of these things that they could have been given to her written down. She said she knows it is a separate entity but the City is giving them the money, so regardless of whether it is a separate entity or not, they have to make sure that they get better checks and balances in place and know where the money is going. She said if it is CDBG money, it needs to help the community as a whole.
- Ms. Bauer said absolutely. She said they monitor all of their subrecipients.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said they need to monitor ... like Council members too. She said they need better checks and balances in place. She said she has been saying that and she doesn't know if it is going to make a difference for Bethany to come up here because she has been saying this for how long.
- Ms. Bauer said she apologizes because she didn't realize that there was a question in her mind as to how they ... because they always have a waiting list.
- Mr. Cherepko said thank you Bethany.

RC-10 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, DELLAPENNA,
DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 6

NAYS: WALKER-MONTGOMERY 1

- Mr. Segina said Mr. Haughey is in the audience and he is sure that he would sit down with Ms. Walker-Montgomery and describe the procedure.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said the procedure needs to be written down.
- Mr. Segina said he doesn't know if he has that or not, he is just saying that he is in the audience and he is sure that Mr. Haughey would extend the same cooperation to her also.

RESOLUTION #2011-75 – BILL #207: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO THE ATTACHED SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH THE McKEESPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Ms. Diggs, "To adopt Bill #207."

RC-11 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS,
CHEREPKO..... 5

NAYS: WALKER-MONTGOMERY 1

ABSTAIN: SEGINA..... 1

RESOLUTION #2011-76 – BILL #208: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH “TODAY IN AMERICA” TV.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
“To adopt Bill #208.”

RC-12 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-77 – BILL #209: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE USE OF A CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE CONCESSION STAND AT THE SULPHUR SPRING FIELDS, RENZIEHAUSEN PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
“To table Bill #209.”

RC-13 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-78 – BILL #210: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH NICKOLICH SANITATION FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

MOTION: **Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #210."**

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Segina said yes there is discussion. He said this particular bill they have here ... actually they correlate sanitation with recycling. He said they are two different subjects. He said the recycling part of it ... right now they don't have a successful program whatsoever or anything approaching that. He said he thinks they should ... before they get into a contract like this, they should sit down and see what they really want out of a recycling program. He said he doesn't know what the ramifications are of this or the specifications are of this. He said does it include the price of the bins, do they get the income once they dump everything at Atlas Waste or wherever or is it a net income type of thing. He said he doesn't think they have handled it properly within the City itself. He said they have days when they don't pick up these recyclables and then it goes another two weeks or possibly three weeks. He said he has been backed up on his recyclables. He said people throw their hands up and say they don't want to do this anymore. He said they have not really done their job to make this successful and get the word out that they need this recycling program. He said every time they throw something into their recycling bin, it is less they have to take to the landfill. He said that reduces their costs. He said he is going to urge them and with the Nickolich collection itself on the letter they got it says it appears that Nickolich is the lowest bidder. He said when someone says it

appears, there seems to be a question whether he is or not. He said he is a little leary about that and he thinks there is a cloud hanging over this entire bill and he thinks they should reject it right now and take a good look at it and split this bill up all together. He said he is not saying Nickolich should not get this sanitation bill but he thinks the recycling part should be taken out of it and then whatever they want to do as far as presenting it again in a divided version that would be fine. He said he encourages his colleagues to reject this bill until they know exactly what they can do with this to improve both the recycling and the sanitation.

- Mr. McCall said he doesn't know if they can because he was the lowest bidder.
- Mr. Segina said they can do anything. He said they can reject the bid if they have to altogether. He said he is not saying that. He said he is saying reject the bill right now until they get a further hold on this.
- Mr. Cherepko said to comment on this. He said as they talked last night and he hates to repeat himself but for the audience's sake, as far as the recycling aspect goes, he agrees with Mr. Segina halfway that the City does not have a very good recycling program. He said as he said last evening he thinks the best route to take in this matter is to approve this and let Mr. Nickolich take care of the recycling for the next three years and while those three years are going on, they can put on a recycling drive and put on a recycling campaign. He said as he told them last night, they can put a committee together and he can chair the committee and if the recycling picks up over the next three years, then when it comes time to put out a bid, then they can change it then.
- Mr. Segina said not to be redundant because they talked about it last night but there is no emergency on the recycling program. He said that doesn't have to go in with the sanitation bid. He said they can approve it to the point where they can say they are either going to keep this because there

is no slight to these guys working the truck because they do a good job. He said if people aren't recycling, it is not their fault. He said that is happening and he doesn't want to put them on a three contract on a recycling program that is not working.

- Mr. Cherepko said just to go the other way on the other end, he has to agree with Mr. Tedesco and what he said last night. He said he thinks it is good that they are going to take the two gentlemen out of the recycling and help with the manpower in Public Works.
- Mr. Segina said first of all what he would like to see is to talk to the recycling people, whoever is going to pick up the recyclables. He said he talked to the ones up at Seven Springs, Allied Waste and Waste Management. He said he had a long discussion. He said there are new techniques now going on and new bids coming out and new ways of depositing these things into one bin and taking everything all at once. He said they are overlooking that just by rushing in to giving someone this recycling contract.
- Mr. Cherepko said just to go back to what he was saying, he thinks it is important to increase the manpower. He said recycling costs the City about \$180,000 a year so if they are going to get it done for \$50,000 and at the expense of maybe \$110,000 with salary and benefits.
- Mr. Segina said hold on Mike, all the figures are not being included. He said that is what he told him last night. He said they are still going to have the constant He said these two guys go in the Street Department, wherever they are going to go and the City still has to pay them and they are now picking up \$50,000 more that they have to put out and the other expense they don't know because it could be minimal if they get that recycling program going. He said it is never going to pay for itself but if they could break even ... that is the key to it. He said they have not tried to do that yet. He said there is no rush on getting a recycling contract, none whatsoever.

- Mr. Cherepko said they will save some money because they
- Mr. Segina said they could sit down for the next three months and put it together and who is to say that he is going to be the best recycler. He said there could be some others out there too.
- Mr. Cherepko said when they talk about the \$180,000 though that is not just two men's salaries and benefits. He said the other expenses they are going to save out of that \$180,000 ... they are not running the truck or running the gas. He said the other important issue is here that they are increasing their manpower which they are down men and they are getting ready right now. He said they are in December. He said he doesn't want to talk about the white stuff coming
- Mr. Segina said he is increasing one department's manpower, that is it.
- Mr. Cherepko said it is winter.
- Mr. Segina said it doesn't matter.
- Mr. Cherepko said that white stuff is coming.
- Mr. Segina said there are other ways of doing it and he mentioned that last night and he is not going to be redundant. He said he is just saying why don't they just delay this and take a good hard look at it and see what way they can go with the recycling program. He said he thinks they should have a chance even they decide not to include the recycling. He said they could have said to them what are they going to do for them if they give them a contract. He said they didn't do that. He said they just threw this out and he threw them \$50,000 and he is a winner. He said he doesn't like that. He said they are not going to prove themselves one bit.
- Mr. Cherepko said roll call.

RC-14 YEAS: McCALL, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO... 4
 NAYS: TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY 3

RESOLUTION #2011-79 – BILL #211: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DATAMATRIX SYSTEMS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO UPGRADING THE CITY’S FINANCE SYSTEMS AND HARDWARE.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Ms. Walker-Montgomery, “To adopt Bill #211.”

RC-15 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7
 NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-80 – BILL #212: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LONE PINE CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS MAIN PAVILION ROOF TRUSS RENZIE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,960.00.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Ms. Diggs, “To adopt Bill #212.”

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Cherepko said the question is whether this will interfere with the Festival of Trees.

- Mayor McLaughlin said as soon as this is signed they will be ready to go.
- Mr. Cherepko said he has been getting numerous phone calls about the Festival of Trees.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they had a backup plan but that didn't work either.

RC-16 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mayor McLaughlin said also he had Mr. Pittman send the Insurance carrier out to look at that and they are going to look it over and hopefully they will pick up the tab and the City will only have to pay the deductible.
- Mr. Cherepko said he needs a motion to amend the Agenda to add Bills #213 and #214.

AMEND THE AGENDA:

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To Amend the Agenda to include Bills #213 and #214."

RC-17 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-81 – BILL #213: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DAVID COLLURA, WILDLIFE PEST CONTROL AGENT, FOR THE CAPTURE AND REMOVAL OF NUISANCE WILDLIFE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2011 PROGRAM.

MOTION: **Ms. Diggs moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #213."**

COMMENTS:

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said this particular Bill, actually #213 and #214, because they look like the same thing ... her issue is that the amount in here says \$700 a month for nuisance and wildlife removal and then there is a \$35.00 surcharge if they call him between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00. She said \$700 a month equals \$8,400 a year and that seems like a lot of money and she doesn't know why this is not done by the dog catcher and if it is not done by the dog catcher then why can't they She said is this the lowest bid they got or can they get lower bids than this. She said she really doesn't agree with this surcharge of \$35.00 if they call between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00. She said it does not specify what he does with the animals after he traps them either. She said those are her concerns.
- Mr. Cherepko said this is the gentleman they have been using for a couple of years. He said she brought up a good point and he thinks they need special certification because these are the groundhogs and skunks and those types of things.
- Mr. Segina said this goes through Community Development.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said everything goes through Community Development.
- Mr. Segina said the City is broke, that is why.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said that is a lot of money. She said does he actually catch the animals ... do they have reports on what he catches monthly.
- Ms. Bauer said monthly he gives her a report that they have on file. She said the City of Clairton uses him and she doesn't know about the City of Duquesne but they have used him in the past. She said the \$35.00 surcharge ... she had asked about that as well. She said apparently if they use or the resident uses his cages which are enclosed on the sides, he does not charge the \$35.00. She said he charges the \$35.00 if they use their own cage or one of the City's cages because the skunks tend to spray more often when they are open in that other vehicle.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said nobody has cages lying around their home.
- Ms. Bauer said she does at her house. She said she has a couple of cages.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it is very rare. She said so they are going to be charged a \$35.00 surcharge every time they call between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00. She said that is ridiculous.
- Mr. Segina said that is not rare. He said there is a proliferation of cages.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said the common person does not have a cage for a skunk in their home.
- Ms. Bauer said if you would call
- Mr. Cherepko said if she would call the City because she had a problem with a groundhog and get a cage from the City and she might catch a skunk.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said let's be realistic, who is going to do all that. She said if there is a skunk, and he comes out

and catches a skunk, he shouldn't charge a surcharge if they have their own cage or not. She said that is ridiculous.

- Ms. Bauer said if they use the City's cage which is an open cage, or if they use their own cage, the skunks are more likely to spray. She said if they call Mr. Collura and say they have a skunk problem and he comes and drops off a cage, and puts the bait in it, and then it catches possum, groundhogs or skunks. She said he will come out in the evening or Saturday and pick up the cages.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it seems like a lot of money to her and then the surcharge ... and then what does he do with them when he catches them. She said does he kill them or discard them.
- Ms. Bauer said they are discarded in compliance with the Game Commissioner. She said he is regulated by the Game Commissioner.
- Mr. McCall said he has one and has been trying to catch him for a year. He said when he catches him, he is going to kill him.
- Mr. Tedesco said the wording is still the surcharge is between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00. He said if that is the issue maybe the wording needs to change in the contract to reflect that.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said that is a lot of money.

RC-18 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, DELLAPENNA,
DIGGS, CHEREPKO..... 6

NAYS: WALKER-MONTGOMERY 1

**RESOLUTION #2011-82 – BILL #214: A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY**

MOTION: Ms. Diggs moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #214."

CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Malinchak said first he would like to congratulate Mr. Cherepko on his victory as Mayor. He said as Mr. Cherepko explained, he has defined the challenges ahead and he is sure the newly elected officials and those remaining on Council will certainly support him in his goals. He said he is always here to support him even though he have to always go by the Home Rule Charter and not everyone agrees with him. He said in general he is behind him and he certainly wishes him good luck.
- Mr. Cherepko said thank you Mr. Malinchak.
- Mr. Malinchak said he knows tonight is not the night to talk about the budget but he would like to bring something to Mr. Cherepko's attention. He said Mr. Pittman has a note here on the Mayor's salary and a note on the City Administrator's salary that needs an ordinance so they might want to think about that. He said someone should be preparing an ordinance. He said did they pick up on that.

- Mr. Cherepko said he saw that and that was Mr. Pittman's comment. He said they have been going with the Mayor's salary now for a couple of years.
- Mr. Malinchak said but he is saying the way he set the numbers in there, he may need an ordinance. He said they better check this out first. He said all he is trying to do is give them a heads up for getting this ordinance in place. He said he doesn't know ... he switched the criteria. He said before it was 105% of the City Administrator's salary and now he reversed it and the City Administrator gets 95%.
- Mr. Cherepko said it is the same and the Charter actually says the Mayor makes 5% more than the City Administrator.
- Mr. Malinchak said that is not what he is saying there.
- Mr. Cherepko said he doesn't know why he put that there and Mr. Alexander will have to look at that and if he thinks there is a need they will take care of it.
- Mr. Malinchak said he is saying right here very clear and he just wants to give them a heads up. He said the other thing is that several of them got visited by the City Auditor, Mr. Tomasic. He said the Chief got visited about tires. He said the question he posed to him was that each of them should have a price list in front of them. He said Mr. Pittman has been trying to get a piggyback price list from the supplier and has been unsuccessful. He said Mr. Tomasic said they should not be signing unless they know where these prices originated from. He said as a result the bills that he is proposing tonight ... and he wrote Mr. Rohm a letter and said that if he can get a waiver of liability for him from Mr. Tomasic, then he will sign the checks. He said he is holding back on signing those checks for the tires until they get that price list. He said the Chief was asked the same thing by the auditor. He said all the Department Heads should have a price list. He said they should be aware of that. He said that is all he has. He

recommends payment of the bills in the amount of
\$12,688.49.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
"To approve payment of the bills in the
amount of \$12,688.49."**

RC-20 YEAS: McCALL, TEDESCO, SEGINA, WALKER-
 MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, DIGGS,
 CHEREPKO..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

ADJOURNMENT:

President of Council Michael Cherepko adjourned the meeting at
8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Williams
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Michael E. Cherepko
President of Council

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